



### IOWA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

**Meeting.** The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) met on August 12 at the West Des Moines City Hall.

**New Board Members.** [Senate File 510](#) (enacted during the 2015 Legislative Session), authorized four additional members for the Board. In addition, one vacancy has been filled. The new Board members include:

- Robert Von Wolfradt, State of Iowa Chief Information Officer
- Andrew Buffington, Winnebago County Emergency Management
- Samantha Brear, Polk County Emergency Management
- Linda Fredrickson, Scott County EMS
- Judy Bradshaw, Director, Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

**Project 25.** Statewide Interoperability Coordinator Craig Allen discussed Project 25 of the Telecommunications Industry Association. The ISICSB has been invited to be a user member of this Project that is working on establishing industry standards. To be a user member, a board member must be physically present at a minimum of two out of four annual meetings and actively vote on issues. The cost of being a user member includes membership dues and travel, and is estimated to be approximately \$14,000.

**Direct Outreach to Counties.** Statewide Coordinator Allen is also actively identifying at least one person from each county to be involved on a committee, and is conducting direct outreach by meeting personally with individuals. A particular need for this is in the western part of the state.

**Interoperability Workshops.** Daylong workshops will be held in each Homeland Security Region. The first was held on August 18 in Region 1 at the Polk County EOC. An invitation to the Council to attend any of these workshops was extended. Some of the topics covered will include FirstNet, necessary data collection for the FirstNet process, and scenario analysis with no radios. Future workshops will be September 17 in Waterloo, September 30 in Ottumwa, October 14 in Osceola, October 19 in Sioux City, and November 10 in Mason City.

**Other Topics.** Other topics discussed included the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) network and possibly identifying additional long-range funding for this, identifying vendors who could contribute to the LMR, a possible communications exercise at Camp Dodge on October 16, the purchase of a camera with video and uploading capabilities to be used by the Board, and progress on the FirstNet Broadband Network for public safety.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Council will be September 9, at 10:30 at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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